



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 23, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Within Los Angeles County, over half a million constituents have served in the armed forces. While the value of their service is immeasurable, it is imperative that the Board does all that is in our authority to acknowledge their tremendous sacrifices and show our appreciation.

“The State of California has already acknowledged this esteemed population by authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue specialized plates that identify veterans for their meritorious service to our Country. Veterans who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army, Navy or Air Force Medal of Honor, Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross, Purple Heart, former American Prisoners of War, and survivors of Pearl Harbor, as well as veterans with Disabled Veteran status, are able to apply for special license plates if certain requirements are met as defined by the California Vehicle Code.

“Over 1,000 Los Angeles County constituent veterans have already registered with the DMV for having received such high honor. It is up to the Board of Supervisors to continue the spirit in which the State has distinguished these veterans who have endured incalculable hardship while serving our Country during times of need.

“I encourage the Board to consider exempting veterans whose vehicles display one of these special license plates, from paying parking fees in County-owned Public Parking lots and parking meters. While this small token of our appreciation may have little fiscal impact to the County, it will surely symbolize our undying gratitude and appreciation for their service.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel, and the Director of Internal Services, with the assistance of the Directors of Beaches and Harbors, Parks and Recreation and Public Works, and the Director and President of the Natural History Museum, were instructed to take the following actions in order to exempt veterans from paying parking fees in County-owned public parking lots and parking meters when vehicles display specialized plates that identify veterans for their meritorious service to our Country:

1. Prepare an ordinance and take other necessary legal action to exempt persons driving vehicles with Veteran's Special Plates from parking fees and metered parking in County-owned public parking lots, at all County Regional Parks, and at parking meters in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except on weekends and holidays (excluding Veterans Day), where it is feasible and within the County's jurisdiction to do so, with the exemption to be limited to the parking lots where there is an attendant assigned to operate the lot, and that no special consideration be given during hours when the lot is operated by automated equipment; and
2. Conduct staff training in each of the relevant departments upon implementation of the new ordinance prior to the effective date of the Board-approved ordinance.

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County Counsel
Director of Beaches and Harbors
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Director of Public Works
Director and President of the
Natural History Museum